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Chief of Police

## **NEWS RELEASE**

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### **PUBLIC ASSISTANCE LEDS TO THE ARREST OF SUSPECT**

The Bluffton Police Department has arrested the individual we were asking the public for assistance in identifying.

Coverage by local media outlets produced numerous leads that led to the arrest of Bret Shipp for the theft of a purse at Kroger, 125 Towne Drive, on the evening of April 19, 2011. Shipp used the credit cards from the stolen purse at a number of local businesses. He is being charged with one count of Petit Larceny, two counts of Financial Transaction Card Theft, and Two counts of Financial Transaction Card Fraud.

He has been transported to the Beaufort County Detention Center to await a bond hearing.

### **ARRESTED**

No Picture  
Available At  
This Time

Bret Alan Shipp  
2 Woodstork Way  
Bluffton, SC 29910  
DOB: 01-07-1982

### **CHARGES**

Petit Larceny (SC 16-13-30) Misdemeanor – One Count  
Financial Transaction Card Theft (SC 16-14-20) Felony – Two Counts  
Financial Transaction Card Fraud (SC 16-14-60) Felony – Two Counts